

10. (Amended) The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the shaped parts (2, 3, 4) is configured with an irregularly shaped surface.--

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims. It is also requested that the amendments to Claim 5 to remove a clerical error be entered. A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes made is attached.

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3. The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1[or 2], wherein a spacer ring (9) fabricated from metal is provided between the shaped parts (2; 3).

5. The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1[or 2], wherein the other shaped part (3) [[]is[]] fabricated from metal, [[]is[]] of disk-shaped configuration, and comprises a shaped-on bead (8) running around the rim.

7. The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 3[or 5], wherein gold or aluminum or copper is used the metal.

9. The specimen holder (1) as defined in [at least one of the foregoing claims] Claim 1, wherein the diamond is configured as polycrystalline CVD diamond.

10. The specimen holder (1) as defined in [at least one of the foregoing claims] Claim 1, wherein at least one of the shaped parts (2, 3, 4) is configured with an irregularly shaped surface.